

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Dianne White Delisi, state
2 representative of District 55 in Bell County, has received a 2005
3 Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service from the
4 American Medical Association in recognition of her many efforts in
5 behalf of the health and well-being of her fellow citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, This prestigious accolade is the highest award that
7 the nation's largest physician organization can bestow upon those
8 in public service; named for the founding father of the AMA, it
9 honors elected and career officials in federal, state, or municipal
10 service whose contributions have promoted the art and science of
11 medicine and the betterment of public health; and

12 WHEREAS, Initially elected in 1990, Representative Delisi is
13 now in her eighth term in the Texas Legislature, and she currently
14 chairs the Committee on Public Health; during the 78th Legislative
15 Session, she led the House Select Committee on State Health Care
16 Expenditures and authored legislation that established disease
17 management initiatives for Medicaid and other state-funded health
18 care programs; she also helped create a Texas driver responsibility
19 program that funded both trauma care and road repairs; and

20 WHEREAS, During the 77th Legislative Session, she served on
21 the Public Health Committee, was the author of a Medicaid budget
22 reform, and introduced the concept of defined contribution health
23 benefits to discussions about the teacher health insurance policy;
24 her other initiatives regarding public health involved children's

1 health insurance programs, preparation for bioterrorism, access
2 for rural Texans, mental health and mental retardation services,
3 nursing home quality, and graduate medical education emphasis and
4 funding; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition, she ably served as chair of the House
6 Appropriations Subcommittee on Tobacco Settlement Disbursement in
7 the 76th Legislative Session, and was vice chair of the House
8 Committee on Appropriations from 1995 to 1998; and

9 WHEREAS, Despite her demanding schedule, Representative
10 Delisi has lent her expertise as a member of the Robert Wood Johnson
11 Foundation National Advisory Committee for the State Health
12 Leadership Initiative and as a cofounder of the Task Force on
13 Smoking and Health; she is presently a member of the executive
14 committee of the Council for The Forum for State Health Policy
15 Leadership for the National Conference of State Legislatures and
16 the Advisory Board of the University of Houston Health Law and
17 Policy Institute; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Delisi's unerring commitment to
19 public health has earned her the lasting respect and admiration of
20 countless individuals in the medical field, and she has previously
21 been honored by the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum as a "Champion"
22 of Trauma System Legislation, by the American Heart Association as
23 Legislator of the Year, and twice by the Texas Public Health
24 Association with the Outstanding Legislator Award; and

25 WHEREAS, Dianne White Delisi has tirelessly served the people
26 of District 55 and the Lone Star State, and her exemplary
27 contributions toward the betterment of public health in Texas truly

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1 merit special recognition and praise; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate State Representative Dianne White
4 Delisi on her receipt of the American Medical Association's 2005
5 Dr. Nathan Davis Award and commend her for her dedication to the
6 health concerns of all Texans; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Representative Delisi as an expression of high regard
9 by her colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 798 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House